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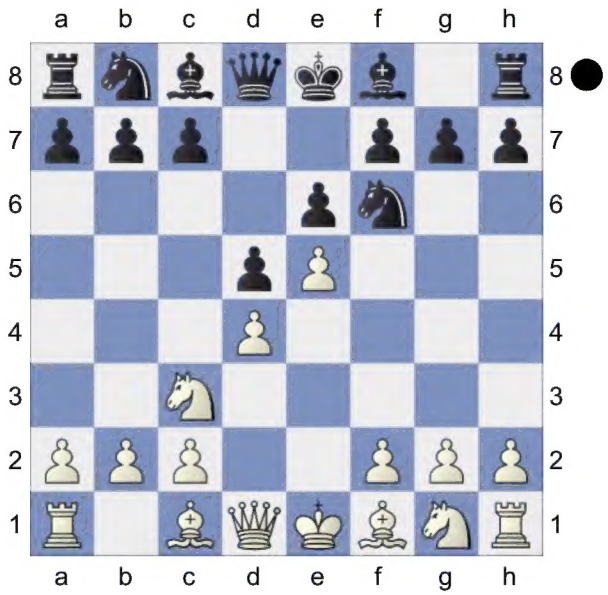
Chess Notes 2025



C11 1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5

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1	. . .	a3	Be3	Nf3	Bg5	h4	Bxe7	
	Ng8	Bd7	Nh6	Nf5	Be7	h6	Nxe7[1]	
2	. . .	. . .	h4	Nf3	h5	Ne2	c3	
	. . .	b6	c5	h6	Ne7	Nec6	a5[2]	
3	. . .	f4	Nf3	Bd3	a3	0-0	Qe2	
	Nfd7	Nb6	Bd7	Nc6	Qe7	0-0-0	f6[3]	
4	. . .	. . .	a3N	Nf3	Be3	Nxd4	Nf3	
	. . .	. . .	c5	Bd7	cxd4	Nc6	Be7[4]	±
5	. . .	. . .	Nce2	Nxd4	Ngf3	Be3	c3	
	. . .	c5	cxd4	Nc6	Nc5[5]	Bd7	Be7[6]	
6	. . .	. . .	Be3	Qxd4±	Qd2	Bxc5	Nf3	
	. . .	. . .	cxd4[7]	Nc6	Bc5N[8]	Nxc5	Qb6[9]	±
7	. . .	. . .	Nf3	Ne2	c3	Be3N[11]	Qc2[12]	
	. . .	. . .	a6	Be7[10]	Nc6	0-0	b5[13]	=
8	. . .	. . .	. . .	Be3	Qd2	a3[14]	h4N[16]	
	. . .	. . .	Be7	0-0	b6	Nc6[15]	Qc7[17]	±

	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	. . .	. . .	. . .	Be3	Nxd4	Qd2	Rb1
	. . .	. . .	Nc6	cxd4	Qb6	Qxb2	Qa3[18]
10	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Na4	c3	Bd2
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Qb6	Qa5+	b6[19]	c4[20]
11	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	a3[21]	Ne2±[23]	c3N[25]
	. . .	. . .	. . .	a6	b5[22]	Be7[24]	Na5?![26]

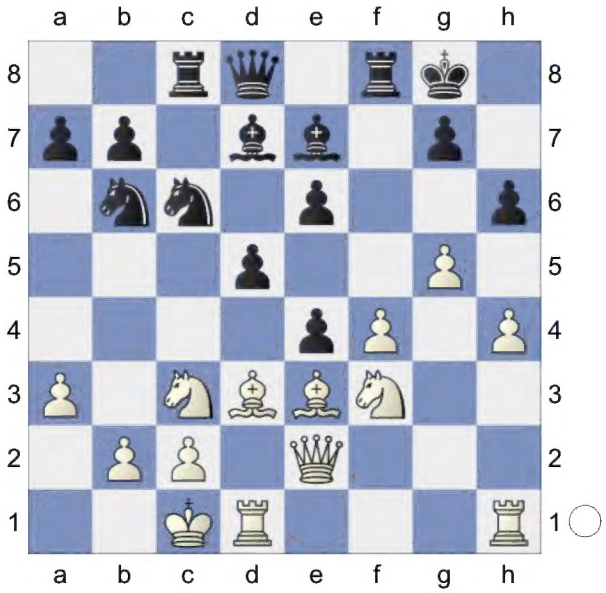
[1] **11.Bd3** c5 12.dxc5 b6 13.cxb6 Qxb6 14.0-0 Qxb2 15.Qd2 Qb6 16.Rab1 Qc5 17.Ne2 0-0 18.Ng3 Be8 19.Nh5 Nbc6 20.Rfe1 Kh8 21.g4 Rc8 22.g5 Nd4 23.Qf4 Ndf5 24.gxh6 gxh6 25.Rb7 Rg8+ 26.Kf1 Rg6 27.Qb4 Qxb4 28.axb4 Ba4 29.Nf6 Kg7 30.Rc1 a6 31.Bxa6 Bxc2 32.Ne1 Ra8 33.Nh5+ Kh8 34.Nxc2 Rxa6 35.Ne3 Rc6 36.Ra1 Rc8 37.Nxf5 Nxf5 38.Rxf7 Nd4 39.f3 Nf5 40.b5 Rc2 41.Rf8+ Rg8 42.Rxg8+ Kxg8 43.b6 Ne3+ 44.Kg1 Rg2+ 45.Kh1 Rb2 46.Ra7 d4 47.b7 d3 48.Nf6+ Kf8 49.Ne4 Rb1+ 50.Kh2 Rb2+ 51.Kh3 h5 52.Ra8+ Kf7 53.b8Q Rxb8 54.Rxb8 Kg6 55.Rd8 Nd5 56.Rxd5 exd5 57.Nd2 Kf5 58.f4 d4 59.Kg2 Kxf4 60.e6 Ke5 61.e7 Kf6 62.e8Q Kg7 63.Ne4 d2 64.Ng5 d1Q 65.Qf7+ Kh6 66.Qh7# 1-0 (66) Berserk13 (3540)-Stoofvleesii D2 (3479) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

[2] **11.b3** Na6 12.Rh3 Nc7 13.a4 Ba6 14.Rg3 Qd7 15.Qc2 Qc8 16.Bd2 c4 17.Nf4 cxb3 18.Qxb3 Qb7 19.Rb1 Rb8 20.Qd1 Qc8 21.Ra1 Qb7 22.Bc1 b5 23.axb5 Bxb5 24.Nd2 Qa6 25.Bxb5 Nxb5 26.Ne2 Nc7 27.Kf1 Ne7 28.Kg1 Nf5 29.Rh3 Ra8 30.Ng3 Be7 31.Ndf1 0-0 32.Nxf5 exf5 33.Rf3 Kh8 34.Ng3 f4 35.Bxf4 Ne6 36.Bc1 Qb7 37.Nf5 Rfd8 38.Rg3 a4 39.Nxe7 Qxe7 40.Rxa4 Rxa4 41.Qxa4 Qh4 42.Qd1 Rc8 43.Bd2 Ra8 44.Be3 Ra6 45.Qb1 Nf8 46.Rh3 Qg4 47.Kh2 Kg8 48.Bd2 Qd7 49.Rg3 Qe6 50.Bc1 Rb6 51.Qd3 Ra6 52.Qb1 Rb6 53.Qc2 Ra6 54.Be3 Ra1 55.Qb2 Ra6 56.Qb1 Rb6 57.Qd1 Rc6 58.Bd2 Nd7 59.Qc2 Nf8 60.Qd3 Rb6 61.Bf4 Qe7 62.Qf3 Qh4+ 63.Rh3 Qd8 64.Qg4 Qd7 65.Qxd7 Nxd7 66.g4 Nf8 67.Rd3 Ne6 68.Be3 Rb3 69.f4 Nc7 70.f5 Nb5 71.Kg2 Rb1 72.g5 hxg5 73.Bxg5 Rb3 74.Bd2 Rb2 75.Kh3 Rc2 76.Kg3 Na3 77.Kg4 Nb1 78.Be1 Na3 79.Bg3 Rg2 80.Re3 Nc2 81.Rf3 Re2 82.Bf4 Re1 83.Kg5 Kh7 84.Bg3 Rg1 85.e6 f6+ 86.Kf4 Rg2 87.Bf2 Kg8 88.c4 Nb4 89.Be1 Nc2 1-0 (89) LCZero v0.26.3-rc1_T60.SV.JH. (3542)-Stockfish Nn Bae tcec-chess.com INT 2020

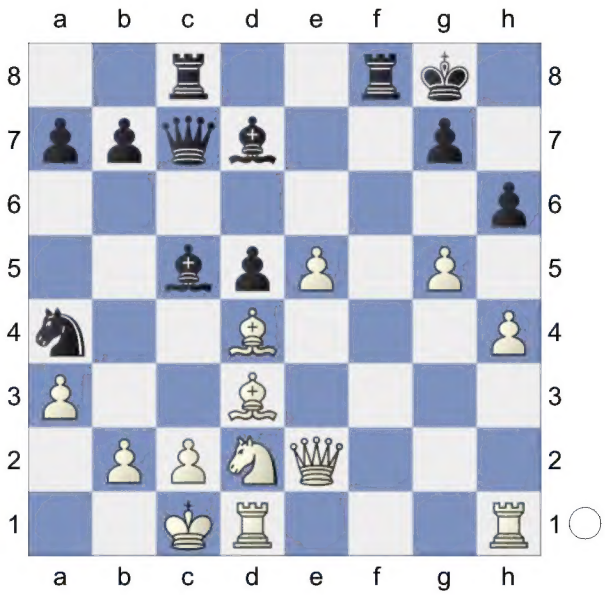
[3] **11.b4** Be8 12.h3 f5 13.g4 fxg4 14.hxg4 h5 15.g5 h4 16.g6 Qd7 17.Kh2 Ne7 18.Rg1 Nf5 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.e6 Qc6 1-0 (39) Giffard,N (2333)-Bangnoi,A (2086) Syre Memorial op 33th 2010 (4) 21.Bd2 Nc4 22.Rae1 Bd6 23.Rg5 b5 24.Rxf5 Bxg6 25.Rg5 Bh5 26.Bc1 Be7 27.Rxg7 Bf6 28.Rg2 h3 29.Rgg1 Rdg8 30.Qd3 Rg2+ 31.Rxg2 hxg2 32.Kxg2 Bxf3+

33.Qxf3 Rg8+ 34.Kf1 Nb6 35.Qd3 Kb7 0-1 (39) Villaescusa Navalon,M (2343)-8.g3 ♘d7 9.♗g2 e6 10.00 î (2419) Chapter 8 (4) (3) 36.e7 Qe8 37.Qf5 Bxd4 38.Nxd5 Qc8 39.Ne3 Bxe3 0-1 Villaescusa Navalon,M (2343)-Stempka,J (2419) Chapter 8 (4) (3)

4 **11.Bd3** f6 1.25/19
[11...0-0± 0.61/18]
12.Qe2± 0-0 13.h4 h6 1.70/17
[13...f5± 0.88/17]
14.0-0-0+- Rc8 15.g4 White has more active pieces. 15...fxe5 16.g5!
[16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Bxh4 18.Bxb6 axb6∓]
[16.fxe5 Rxf3 17.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]
16...e4 1.92/20
[16...exf4± 1.18/17 17.Bd2 d4 *(17...hxg5? 18.hxg5 e5 19.Qh2+-)*]

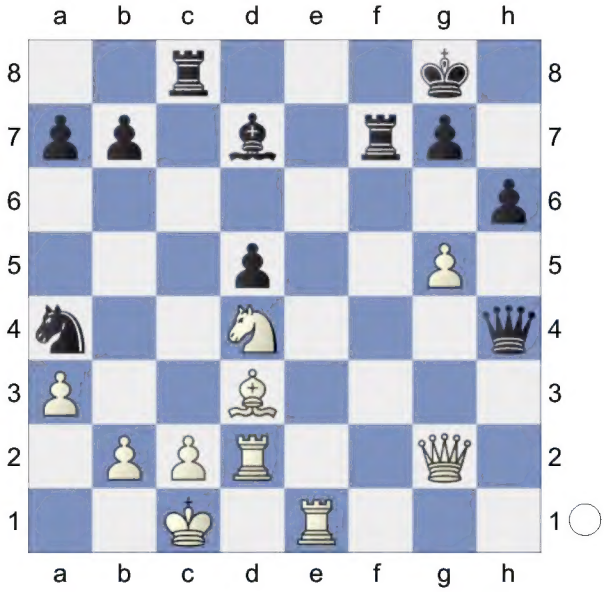


17.Nxe4! Na4 1.37/17 Prevents Nc5
[Black should play 17...dxe4± 0.63/19 18.Bxe4 Kh8 19.Bxc6 *(19.gxh6 gxh6 20.Rhg1 Bf6+-)* 19...Rxc6]
18.Ned2± e5? 2.84/20 19.Nxe5+-
[19.fxe5 Bg4 20.Qg2 *(20.gxh6 Bxa3 21.bxa3 Qe7=)* 20...h5=]
19...Nxe5 20.fxe5 Qc7 21.Bd4
[21.Bxa7 Nxb2 22.Kxb2 Qc3+ 23.Ka2 *(23.Kb1? Bxa3-+)* 23...Qxa3+ *(23...hxg5? 24.Nb1+-)* 24.Kb1 Qxa7-+]
[21.gxh6 Qxe5 22.Nc4 *(22.Bxa7? Qxb2#)* 22...dxc4 *(22...Rxc4? 23.Bd4∓)* 23.Bxc4+ Kh7 *(23...Be6 24.Bd4∓)* 24.Rxd7 Qxb2+ 25.Kd2 Qc3+ *(25...Bxa3? 26.Qd3+ Kh8 27.hxg7++-)* 26.Kd1 Nb2+ *(26...Qxa3? 27.Qd3+ Qxd3+ 28.Bxd3+ Kh8 29.hxg7+ Kxg7 30.Rxe7++-)* 27.Kc1 Nxc4-+ *(27...Qxc4 28.Qxc4 Nxc4 29.Rxe7=; 27...Qxa3? 28.Bg8+ Rxg8 29.Kb1-+)*]
21...Bc5



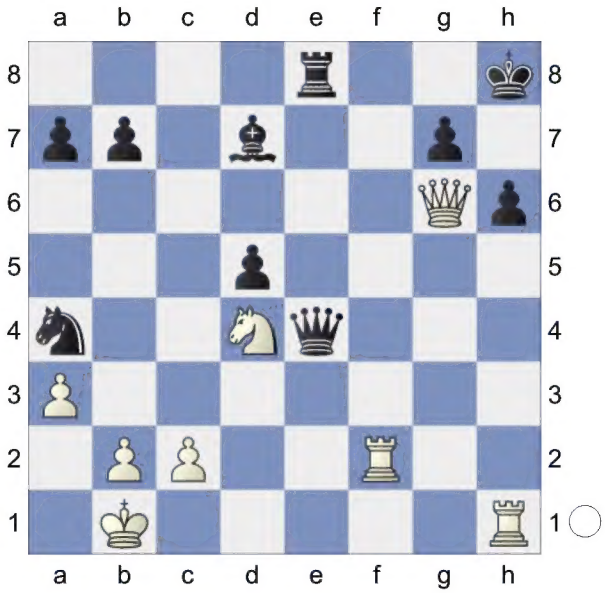
22.Qg2! Rf7
[22...Be6 23.Nb3]
23.Nb3
[23.Qxd5 Bc6 24.Qe6 *(24.Qc4 b5∓* Deflection *)* 24...Bxd4=]
23...Bxd4 24.Nxd4 Qxe5 3.29/21
[⌓24...Qb6 2.28/21 25.c3 Kh8 Remove Defender *(25...Qxd4? 26.Bh7+ Kxh7 27.Rxd4+-)*]

25.Rhe1 Qf4+
[25...Qxd4? 26.Bh7+ *(26.gxh6 Qxb2+ 27.Kd2 Qc3+ 28.Kc1 Qxa3+ 29.Kd2 Qb4+ 30.Kc1 Nc3-+)* 26...Kxh7 27.Rxd4+-]
26.Rd2 Qxh4
[26...Qxd4? 27.Bh7+ *(27.gxh6? Qxb2+ 28.Kd1 Nc3#)* 27...Kxh7 28.Rxd4+-]

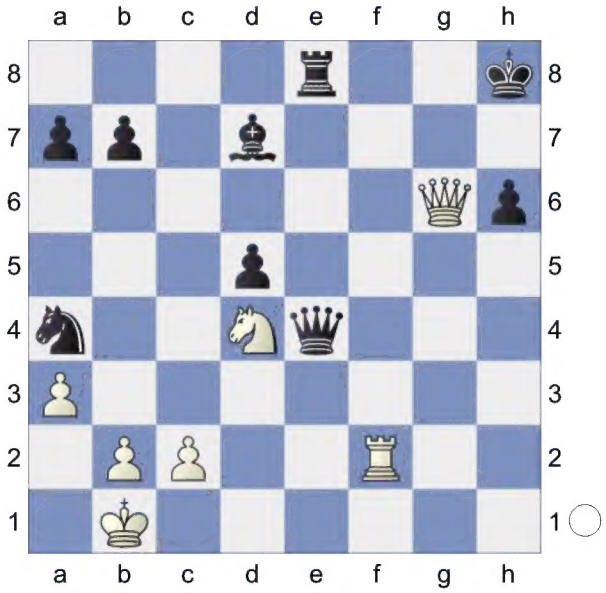


27.Bh7+! Decoy 27...Kxh7 28.g6+ Kh8 29.Rh1 Qf4 4.05/18
[29...Qe7 2.52/23 was called for. 30.gxf7 Qxf7]
30.gxf7 Qxf7 31.Rf2 Qe7 32.Kb1
[32.Qxd5 Qe3+ 33.Rd2 Nc5∓]
[32.Qg3 Nc5±]
32...Re8? 5.47/21
[32...Nb6 3.02/22 33.Ka2 Qe4]
33.Qg6
[33.Qxd5 Qxa3 34.Qxb7 *(34.bxa3 Nc3+ 35.Kc1 Nxd5=; 34.Rxh6+? gxh6 35.bxa3 Nc3+ 36.Kb2 Nxd5-+)* 34...Qd6 35.Qxa7 Rb8±]
33...Qe4

(Diagram)

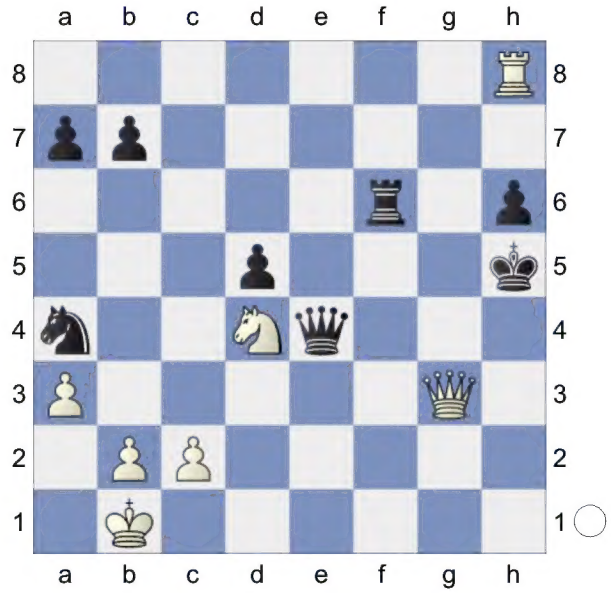


34.Rxh6+ Deflection 34...gxh6



35.Qf6+
[35.Qxh6+ Qh7 36.Qxh7+ Kxh7±]
35...Kg8 White must now prevent ...Qg4.
36.Qf7+ Kh8 37.Qxd7 And now Rf6 would win. 37...Re7 8.26/26
[⌓37...Nb6 4.71/26 38.Qf7 *(38.Qxb7? Qe1+ 39.Ka2 Qxf2-+)* 38...Qe7]
38.Rf8+
[38.Qxa4? Qe1+ 39.Ka2 Qxf2-+]
38...Kg7 39.Qd8
[39.Qxa4? perishes. Kxf8 40.Qxa7

h5-+]
39...Rf7 Inhibits Nf5+. 40.Rg8+
[40.Rxf7+ Kxf7 41.Qd7+ Kf6+-]
40...Kh7 41.Rh8+ Kg6 42.Qd6+ Skewer 42...Rf6 43.Qg3+ Kh5



44.Rg8! Rg6 45.Qh3+ Kg5 46.Rf8 Nf3+ would kill now. 46...h5 47.Rf5+ Kh6 48.Rxh5+ Kg7 49.Qd7+ Kg8 50.Qd8+ Kf7 51.Rh7+ Skewer 51...Rg7 52.Qd7+ Skewer 52...Qe7 53.Qxd5+
[Inferior is 53.Qxa4 Rxh7 54.Qxa7 Qc7=]
53...Ke8 54.Rh8+ White mates. 54...Qf8 55.Qe6+ Black is weak on the light squares 55...Re7 56.Qc8+ Kf7 57.Qxf8+ Kg6 58.Qh6+ Kf7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.86
59.Rf8# 1-0 (59) Stockfish dev-20230903-b25d68 (3666)-Stoofvlees Ii B5 (3492) tcec-chess.com INT 2023 The Week in Chess 1530 [Kitty Kat]

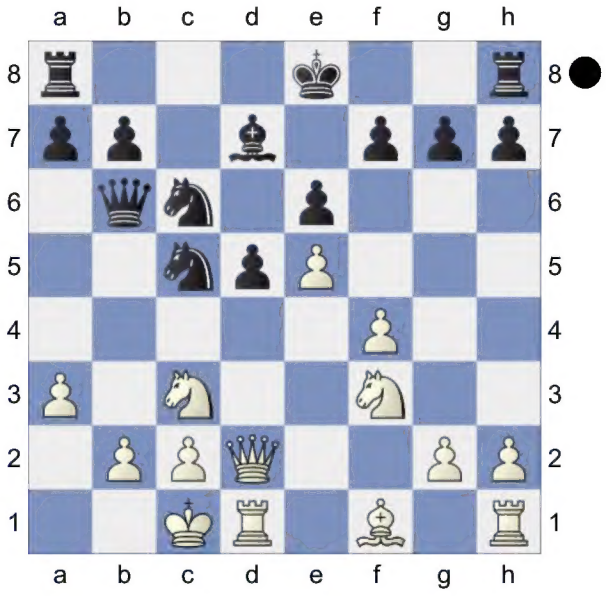
[5] **8...Be7** 9.c3 Nc5 10.Be2 0-0 11.Be3 Bd7 12.0-0 f6 13.Qe1 Qe8 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Ne5 Nd7 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Bd4 Bc5 19.Kh1 Bxd4 20.cxd4 c5 21.Rc1 cxd4 22.Qd2 Nf8 23.Qxd4 1-0 (38) Dyachuk,A (2295)-Eggleston,T (2178) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Jan Late blitz 2025 (1)

[6] **11.Nb3** b6 12.Be2 Nxb3 13.axb3 Bc5 14.Qd2 a5 15.0-0 0-0 16.Bd3 Qe7 17.Kh1 f6 18.exf6 gxf6 19.Rae1 Qd6 20.Qf2 Rf7 O-O (34) 4.h3 ♗g7 5. ♘f3 de4 6. ♘e (2602)-Kaussen,O (2656) New York op 1996 (5)

[7] **6...Nc6=** 0.01/19 is superior.

[8] **8...f6** 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Nge2 Bb4 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.a3 Ba5 13.Qd3 Bd7 14.h3 a6 15.g4 b5 16.Bc5 Rf7 17.f5 b4 18.fxe6 Bxe6 19.axb4 Bxb4 20.Nf4 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 Ne4 22.Nxe6 Qc8 23.Qe3 1-0 (66) Xu,Y (2502)-Matveeva,S (2428) WWCC 2006 0:14.46-0:00.28 (52)

[9] **11.0-0-0** Bd7 12.a3



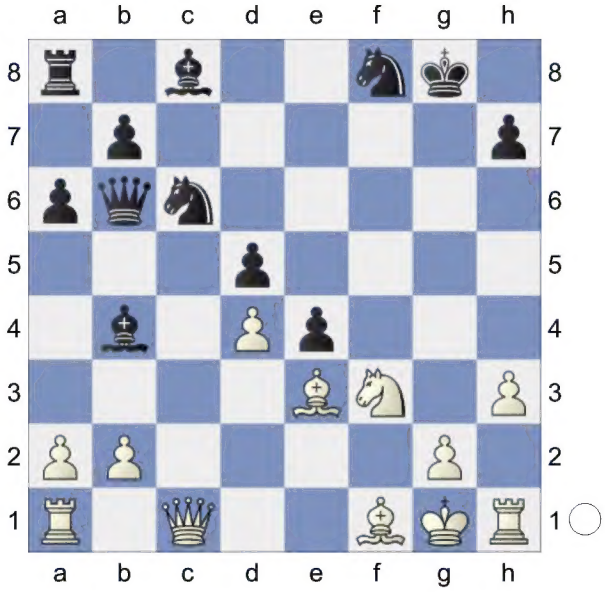
Ne7 13.h4 h5 14.Rh3 a6 15.Kb1 Bc6 16.Qf2 g6 17.Nd4 0-0-0 18.Be2

Kb8 19.Nb3 Na4 20.Qxb6 Nxb6 21.Nd4 Nd7 22.a4 a5 23.Nb3 b6! 24.Nd4 Nc5 25.b3 Bb7 26.Kb2 Ba6 27.Bf3 Kc7 28.Rhh1 Nf5 The position is equal. 29.Ncb5+ Bxb5 30.axb5 Rd7! 31.Nxf5 gxf5 32.Ra1 Ne4 33.Rhd1 Rc8 34.Rd4
[But not 34.Bxh5 Rh8 35.Be2 Rxh4∓]
34...f6 35.Re1 next exf6 is good for White. 35...fxe5 36.fxe5 Kd8! 37.Bxh5 Rh7! 38.g4 Nf2 39.gxf5 Rxh5 40.fxe6 And now c4! would win. 40...Ke7 41.Rxd5 Rd8 42.Rxd8 Kxd8 43.Rf1 Ne4 44.Rf8+ Ke7 45.Rb8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
45...a4 ½-½ (45) Stockfish Dev F7 (3662)-LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6 (3631) tcec-chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat]

10 **7...Nc6** 8.c3 b5 9.a3 c4 10.g4 h5 11.gxh5 Rxh5 12.f5 exf5 13.Nf4 Rh8 14.Qe2 Nb6 15.Rg1 Ra7 16.h4 Na8 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Rg6 Nc7 20.Bf4 Bd6 21.Qh2 Bxf4 22.Qxf4
0-1 (43) 4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♗c4 43147 (2803)-Coll Sola,J (2702) Deutschland 80/340 2000 (1)

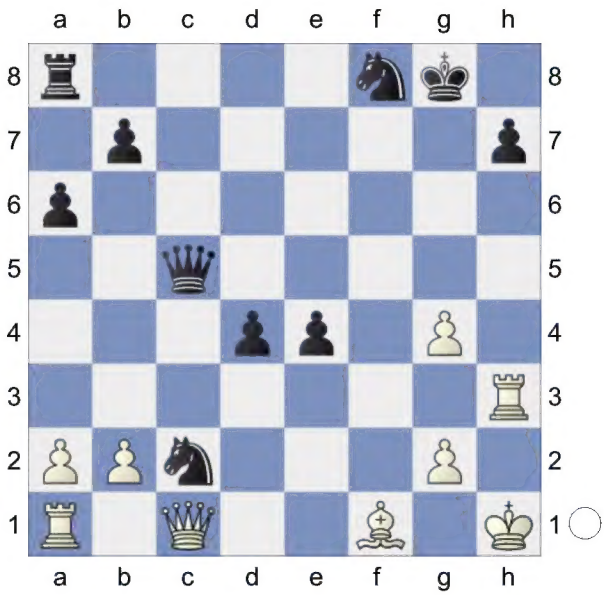
11 **9.g3** b5
[9...cxd4 10.cxd4 b5 11.Bh3 Nb6 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ne1 Rc8 14.b3 a5 15.Be3 Nb4 16.Nc1 0-0 17.Ncd3 Nxd3 18.Nxd3 b4 19.Qd2 Bb5 20.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 21.Rxc1 Nc8 22.f5 exf5 23.Bxf5 Bd7 24.Bxd7 1-0 (42) Illescas Cordoba,M (2599)-Gurevich,M (2635) Espana 88/260 2003]
10.Bh3 Nb6 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Ne1 Qc7 13.b3 c4 14.f5 0-0-0 15.Be3 exf5 16.Bxf5 Bxf5 17.Rxf5 Rhf8 18.Ng2 Qd7 19.Qc2 f6 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Raf1 Qe7 22.g4 g6 23.R5f3 Bg7
1-0 (50) Cahours,P (2150)-Colnel,P (2060) FRA-chT2b 0304 2003 (10)
24.Ng3 Rxf3 25.Rxf3 Rf8 26.Qf2 Rxf3 27.Qxf3 Qf6 28.Nf4 cxb3 29.axb3 Na5 30.g5 Qc6 31.b4 Nac4 32.Bc1 Bh8 33.Nd3 Bg7 34.Nc5 Na4 35.Qf7 Nxc5 36.bxc5 Qd7 37.Qg8+ Kb7 38.Bf4 a5
0-1 (50) Caillot,A (1561)-Abergel,T (2471) Sautron op qual 19th 2019 (1.1)

12 **10.Kf2N** White is slightly better.
10...Qb6 11.Qd2 f6 12.Kg1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bb4 14.Qc1 g5 15.h3
[But not 15.fxg5 fxe5 16.dxe5 Qd8]
15...gxf4! 16.Nxf4 fxe5 17.Nxe6 e4 18.Nxf8 Nxf8

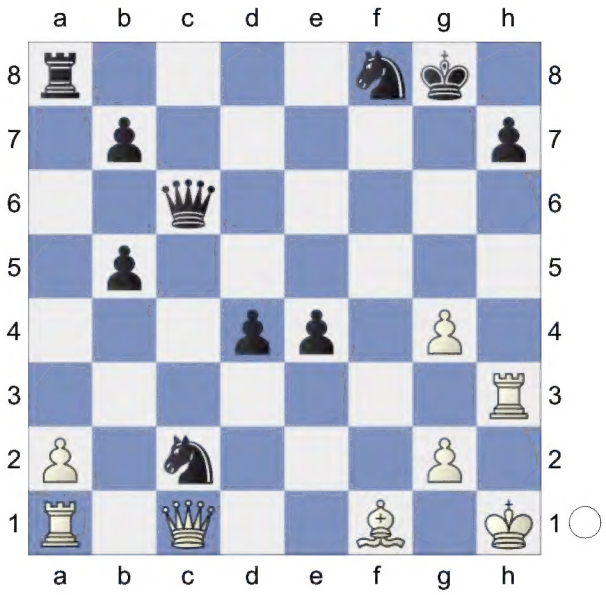


19.Ne5 0.33/17
[19.a3!± 0.75/22]
19...Nxd4± 20.Ng4 Bxg4 21.hxg4 Bc5! 22.Rh3! Nc2 Discovered Attack, Double Attack 23.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 24.Kh1 Really sharp! 24...d4!

(Diagram)



25.b4! Qc6 26.b5 Deflection 26...axb5



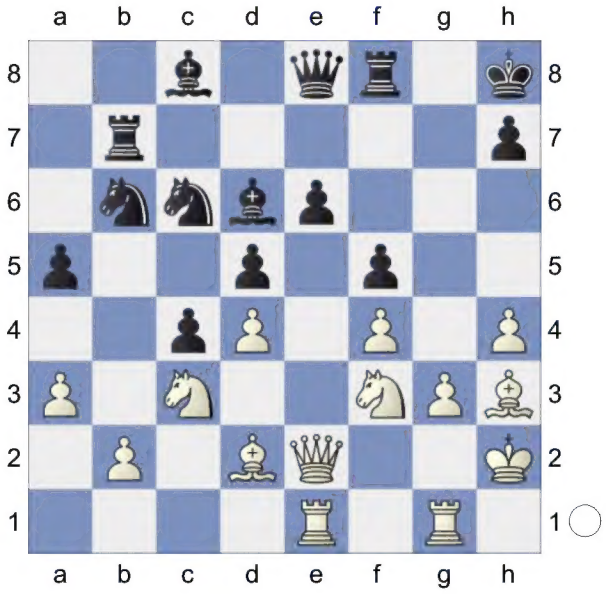
27.Bxb5! Qxb5 28.Qxc2 d3 29.Qd2 0.01/19
[29.Qc3± 0.99/20]
29...Ng6!= 30.Rh5 0.07/20
[30.a4± 0.43/22 Rxa4 31.Rf1]
30...Qd7 31.Qe3 Qe7 The position is equal. 32.Rd1 Rf8 33.Rg5 Rxd3! is the strong threat. 33...Qf6 34.g3
[34.Qc5 seems wilder. Qf4 35.Qd5+ Kh8 36.Rf5]
34...Qc6 Wards off Rd5 35.Rf5 Rxf5 36.gxf5 Qd5 White must now prevent ... Ne5. 37.Re1 Qxf5 38.g4
[38.Kg2!? Ne7□ 39.Kg1= *(39.Qxe4 d2=)*]
38...Qxg4 39.Qxe4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
39...h5 0.68/30 ½-½ (39) LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6 (3652)-Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22 (3683) tcec-chess.com INT 2025 The Week in Chess 1577 [Kitty Kat]
[39...Qh5+= 0.01/21 40.Kg1 Qc5+ 41.Kg2 b6]

[13] **11.h4** f6 Dodges Ng5 12.g3 b4

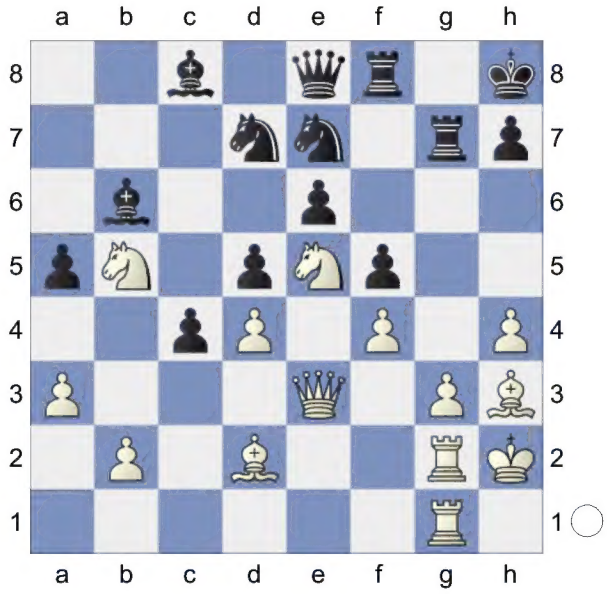
10.g3 cxd4 11.Nexd4 Nc5 12.Qc2
[12.Bg2 Bd7 13.0-0 Rc8 14.Kh1 Ne4 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.c4 a5 17.Qc2 g6 18.Rad1 Nc5 19.Nd4 Qc7 20.g4 Rfd8 21.Qf2 Be8 22.f5 Qxe5 23.fxe6 Nxe6 24.Nxe6 Qxe6 25.Rde1 Qxg4 26.Bd4 Qh4 0-1 (38) Mu,K (2696)-11... ♕c7 12.♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2767) NOR-ch Kristiansand 1992 (3)]
12...Bd7 13.h4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Rc8 15.Bd3 h6 16.g4 Ba4 17.b3 Bb5 18.Bh7+ Kh8 19.Ng5 Ne4 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.0-0-0 Bd3 22.Rxd3 exd3 23.Qxd3 g6 24.Ne4 Qd5 French-6.♘f3 ♘f3 ♘f6 7. ♗e3 a6 Survey 2020 25.Rd1

10.Ng3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nc5 12.Be2 Bd7 13.0-0 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Rc8 15.Qd2 g6 16.Bd1 f5 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Bc2 Qb6 19.Rab1 Bxd4+ 20.cxd4 Na4 21.Bb3 a5 22.Nh1 Qd6 23.Qxa5 Nb6 24.Rbd1 Nc4 ½-½ (47) Carlos,S (2494)-Hintikka,E (2441) 125/42 Biel 2015 (4)

13.Bh3 Kh8 0.79/18
[13...f5= 0.17/18]
14.0-0 White is more active.
[14.Bxe6?! Ndxe5 15.Ng5 Nf3+ *(15...fxg5 16.hxg5 h6 17.gxh6±)* 16.Kd1 *(16.Nxf3 Bxe6 17.f5 Bf7∓)* 16...Nxg5 *(16...fxg5 17.hxg5 Nxg5 18.fxg5+-)* 17.hxg5 f5 18.Bxc8 Rxc8=]
[14.Ng5!? fxg5 15.hxg5∓]
14...bxc3 15.Qxc3 c4 16.Qd2 0.21/18
[16.Bxe6?! Ndxe5 17.dxe5 *(17.Nxe5 fxe5 18.Bxc8 Bb4∓)* 17...Bxe6=]
[16.f5!± 0.67/18]
16...Qe8= 17.Nc3
[17.Bxe6 Bb4 18.Qc2 Qxe6∓]
17...Rb8 18.Rab1 Nb6 0.57/20
[18...Bd8= 0.20/17 was preferable.]
19.Kh2 Rb7 20.Qe2 a5 21.Rg1 Nb4 22.Bd2 Nd3 23.exf6 gxf6 24.Ne1
[24.Bxe6 Bb4 25.Bxc8 *(25.f5 Re7=)* 25...Qxe2+ 26.Nxe2 Nxc8=]
24...Nb4 25.a3 Nc6 26.Nf3 Bd6 27.Rbe1 f5 0.81/18
[27...Rg7= 0.09/19]



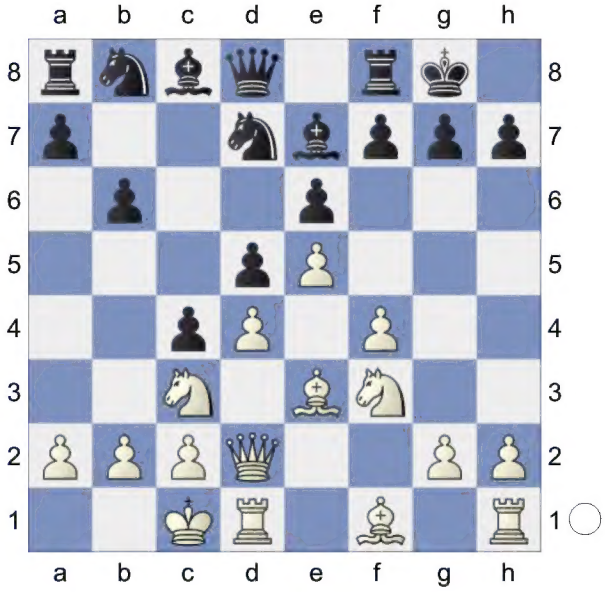
28.Rg2 0.18/17
[White should try 28.g4!± 0.81/18]
28...Rg7! 29.Ne5 Bc7
[29...Nxd4 30.Qf2 Na4 31.Nxa4± *(31.Qxd4? Bc5∓)*]
30.Qe3 -0.01/19
[30.Be3± 0.35/19]
30...Ne7! 31.Reg1 Nd7 32.Nb5 Bb6



33.Nd6 Qd8 34.Nxd7 Qxd7 35.Nxc8
[35.Qe5? Nc6 36.Nxc4 Nxe5-+ *(36...dxc4? 37.Qe1-+)*]
35...Nxc8 The position is equal. 36.Re1 Rf6 37.g4! fxg4 38.Rxg4
[38.Bxg4 Rfg6 39.Bh3 Rxg2+ 40.Bxg2 Qd8 41.Qxe6 Qxh4+ 42.Qh3]
38...Bc7 Against Qe5 39.Qg1 Rxg7 is in the air 39...Bxf4+ 40.Bxf4 Rxf4 41.Rxf4
[41.Rxg7 simplifies Qxg7 42.Rxe6 Qxg1+ 43.Kxg1 Kg7 44.h5]
41...Rxg1 42.Kxg1 Qg7+ 43.Kh2
[43.Kh1 Qg3 44.Rf8+ Kg7 45.Rg1]
43...Qh6 44.Kg3 Qg6+ 45.Bg4 Nd6 46.Rxe6
[46.Rf8+ with more complications. Kg7 47.Rxe6 Qb1 48.Rd8]
46...Qd3+ 47.Bf3

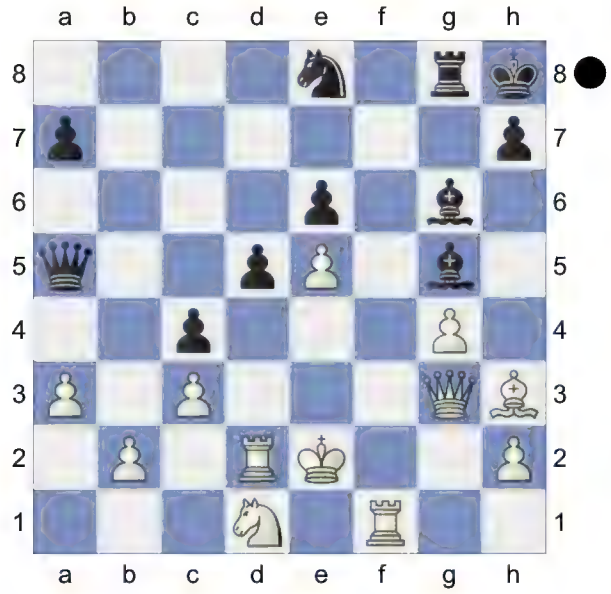
[47.Rf3!? Ne4+□ *(47...Qxd4? 48.Kh3+-)* 48.Kh3=]
47...Ne4+ 48.Kg4⇄ White is fighting back 48...Qxd4 (-> ...Qg7+)
[48...Nf2+ 49.Kh5]
49.Bxe4 dxe4 50.Ref6 Chess con chili.
50...Qd7+
[50...Qxb2? loses. 51.Kg5 Qxa3 52.Kh6+- *(52.Rxe4 Kg7∓; 52.Rf8+ Qxf8 53.Rxf8+ Kg7+-)*]
51.Kg5 Intending Rf7! and mate.
[51.R4f5!?]
51...Qe7 and ...Kg7 should not be overlooked 52.h5 h6 is the strong threat.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
52...h6+ ½-½ (52) LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6 (3652)-Berserk 20250113 tcec-chess.com INT 2025 The Week in Chess 1579 [Kitty Kat]

[14] **9.h4** 0.45/18 Kitty Kat: ' ± ' 9...Ba6 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.h5 Rc8 12.Ne2 cxd4 13.Nexd4 Nac5 14.0-0-0 Ne4 15.Qe1 b5 16.f5 Qb6 17.Kb1 Ndc5 18.f6 gxf6 19.Qh4 Kh8 20.Rhf1 Qd8 21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Qh2 Na4 23.Ne5 Qe7
1-0 (29) Van Foreest,J (2677)-Korobov,A (2629) EU-ch Blitz Skopje 2024 (9) 24.Ndc6
1-0 (29) Van Foreest,J (2677)-Korobov,A (2629) EU-ch Blitz Skopje 2024 (9)
9.0-0-0 -0.01/19 c4N
[9...Nc6 10.Kb1 c4 11.f5 b5 12.fxe6 fxe6 13.Nxb5 Rb8 14.Nd6 Bxd6 15.exd6 Nf6 Classical Variation E5 Short & Sweet: The French Defense 16.Qe1 Qxd6 17.Bc1 Bd7 18.g3 Ne4 19.Bg2 Qa3 20.b3 Qa6 21.Ne5 Nb4 22.a3 Nxc2 23.Kxc2 Ba4 24.Bxe4 Rxb3 25.Bxh7+ Kxh7 26.Kd2 c3+ 27.Ke3 Bb5 28.Rd3 Bxd3 29.Nxd3 c2 30.Qe2 Qc4
(32) Arencibia,W (2400)-Paneque,P (2300) (m1) Holguin 1988]

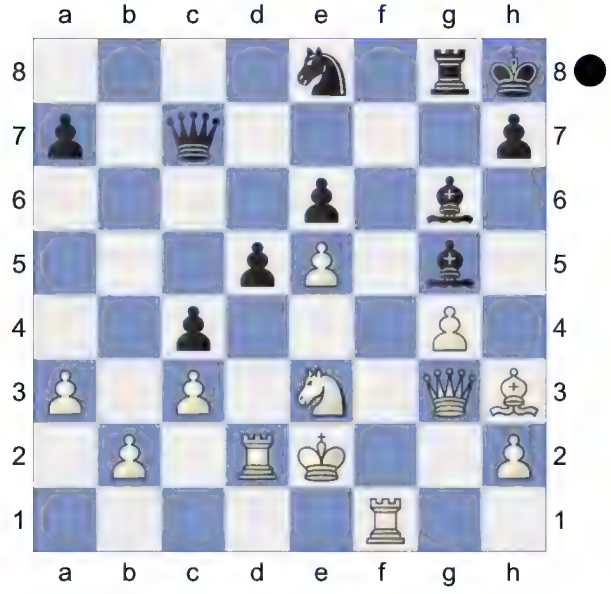


10.f5! b5! 11.f6 Deflection
[11.Nxb5 exf5 12.b3 cxb3 13.cxb3 a6=]
11...gxf6 12.Bh6! Kh8
[12...Nc6!?]
13.Bxf8 -0.18/18
[13.Nxb5 Nc6±]
[White should try 13.Qf4!± 0.40/21]
13...Qxf8 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.Nxb5 Nc6 16.Nc3 Rb8 17.Qf4 Nh5 18.Qe3 Ng7
Black has compensation. 19.g4 Prevents Nf5 19...f5! 20.Bh3 gxf5 would now be deadly. 20...f4 21.Qf2 Qd8 22.Ne5! Nxe5 23.dxe5 Qa5 24.Rhf1 Qb4 25.Qxf4 Bd7! 26.Kd2! Be8 27.Ke2
[27.a3!? Qc5□ 28.Kc1±]
27...Bg6!
[27...Qxb2 28.Qf8+ Bxf8 29.Rxf8#]
28.Rd2 Rg8
[28...Qxb2? 29.Rb1 Qxb1 30.Nxb1+-]

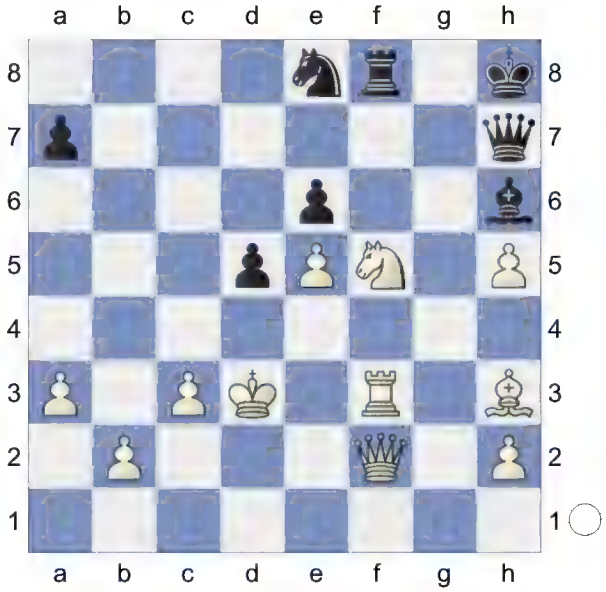
29.Nd1 Ne8
[29...Qb5!? 30.Ke1 Bh4+ 31.Rff2 Bxf2+ 32.Kxf2 *(32.Rxf2 Qa5+ 33.c3 Qxa2=)* 32...Qa4=]
30.a3 Qa5 31.Qg3 Bg5 32.c3



Qc7 -0.26/19
[32...Qd8!∓ -0.80/21]
33.Ne3 -0.77/20
[33.Bg2= -0.26/19]



33...Qb6 -0.11/17
[33...Qe7!∓ -0.77/20]
34.Rf4! Qc7
[34...Bd3+!? 35.Kd1 Qb3+ *(35...Bxf4 36.Qxf4 Qb3+ 37.Ke1±)* 36.Ke1 Bxf4 37.Qxf4 Kitty Kat: '±' Qa2±]
35.Rf3 h5 36.gxh5! Bd3+ 37.Rxd3! cxd3+ 38.Kxd3 Qh7+!
[38...Bxe3 39.Qxg8+ Kxg8 40.Bxe6+ Kg7 *(40...Kh8 41.Rf8+ Kh7 42.Rf7+ Kh6 43.Rxc7=)* 41.Rf7+ *(41.Rxe3? Qc6-+)* 41...Qxf7 42.Bxf7 Kxf7 43.Kxe3-+]
39.Nf5! Bh6 40.Qf2 Rf8



Pin 41.Ke2! exf5 42.Rxf5 Rg8 43.Qd4 Qb7 44.b4 The position is equal. 44...Qa6+ 45.Qd3 Qxa3 46.Rf7! Some like it hot 46...Ng7⇄ White must now prevent ...Qa2+. Black has counterplay 47.e6 Qb2+
[47...Nxh5 48.Rh7#]
48.Kf1 Qa1+
[Kitty Kat: ' Don't play' 48...Qxh2 49.Bg4∓]
49.Ke2 Qa2+
[49...Nxh5 50.Rh7#]
50.Kf1 Qa1+
[Don't play 50...Qxh2 51.Bg4∓]
51.Kf2 Qb2+ Skewer
[And not 51...Nxh5 52.Rh7#]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless) 52.Ke1 ½-½ (52) Ethereal (3708)-LCZero v0.25.1-sv-t60-3010 (3809) tcec-chess.com INT 2020 The Week in Chess 1336 [Kitty Kat]

[15] **9...Ba6** 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.0-0 Nc7 12.Rae1 f5 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Bf2 Bd6 15.Kh1 Qd7 16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.Rxe5 c4 18.Qe2 Qc6 19.Bh4 Nd7 20.Re3 Rf7 21.f5 Raf8 22.Bg3 Rxf5 23.Rxf5 Rxf5 24.Bxc7 1-0 (50) Gledura,B (2639)-Korobov,A (2660) EU-Cup 39th Vrnjacka Banja 2024 (4.4)

[16] **10.Bd3** f5 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Nc5 14.Bb5 Ba6 15.a4 Bxb5 16.axb5 Ne4 17.Qd3 Qd7 18.Ne2 Rac8 19.c3 Rc7 20.h3 h6 21.Kh2 Kh7 22.Ng3 Nxg3 23.Kxg3 Bc5 24.Kh2 Bxd4 ½-½ (36) Dreev,A (2668)-Roiz,M (2635) RUS-chT 16th 2009 (5) 25.cxd4 Rfc8 26.Ra3 Rc2 27.Rfa1 Rxb2 28.Rxa7 Rc7 29.Rxc7 Qxc7 30.Ra6 Qc1 31.Qg3 Rb1 32.Qf2 Qh1+ 33.Kg3 Rb3+ 34.Kh4 Qc1 35.Rxb6 g5+ 36.Kh5 Rxh3+ 0-1 Najer,E (2640)-Lou,Y (2419) CHN-chT Beijing 2012 (18)

10.0-0-0 c4 11.f5 b5 12.Qe1 Rb8 [12...Kh8 13.Qg3 a5 14.fxe6 fxe6 15.a4 b4 16.Nb5 Nb6 17.Be2 Ba6 18.h4 Nxa4 19.Ng5 Qd7 20.Nc7 c3 21.Ngxe6 cxb2+ 22.Kb1 Rg8 23.Bxa6 Nd8 24.Nxd8 Raxd8 25.e6 Nc3+ 26.Kxb2 Qc6 27.Bf4 a4 28.Rd3 a3+ 29.Ka1 Ne2 30.Qf3 Nxf4 31.Qxf4 Bd6 32.Bb5 Qxc7 33.Qc1 Ra8 34.Rf1 Rgf8 35.Rxf8+ Rxf8 36.Ba4 Qe7 37.Qe1 Rf4 38.h5 Re4 39.Qf1 Qxe6 40.Ka2 Re1 41.Qf3 Qe4 42.Bb3 Re2 43.g3 Qe6 44.Rd1 Qe4 45.Rd3 Rg2 46.Qxe4 dxe4 47.Re3 g6 48.h6 Rh2 49.g4 Rxh6 50.Rxe4 Rh4 51.Re8+ Kg7 52.g5 h5 53.Rg8+ Kh7 54.Rd8 Rxd4 55.Rd7+ Kh8 56.Bf7 Bc5 57.Rc7 Bd6 58.Rd7 Be5 59.Re7 Bf4 ½-½ (59) Komododragon (3600)-Stockfish Dev15 (3617) tcec-chess.com INT 2022] 13.Qg3 Kh8 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.Bxg5 Qb6 16.Ne2 f6 17.exf6 Nxf6 18.Qd6 Rd8 19.Qc5 Qa6 20.Nc3 Qb7 21.b4 cxb3 22.cxb3 b4 23.axb4 Nxb4 24.Rd2 a5 25.Be2 Qf7 26.Kb2 Bd7 27.Qxa5 Rdc8 28.Rc1 Nc6 29.Qc5 Ne7 30.Qa7 Ra8 31.Qb7 Rcb8 32.Qc7 Nxf5 33.Bxf6 Qxf6 34.Ra1 Qg5 35.Rd3 Qe7 36.Rxa8 Rxa8 37.Qc5 Qd8 38.g4 Nh6 39.Rd1 Nf7 40.h4 Rc8 41.Qa7 h6 42.Ra1 Be8 43.Qa6 Bc6 44.Bd3 Nd6 45.Rc1 Bb7 46.Qa3 Ra8 ½-½ (46) Stockfish Dev15 (3617)-Komododragon (3600) tcec-chess.com INT 2022

[17] **11.0-0-0** a6 12.Bd3! cxd4 13.Nxd4 b5 14.Rh3 -0.01/20
[14.Qe2± 0.52/22]
14...Nxd4 0.58/23
[14...Rb8!= -0.01/20]
15.Bxd4± b4 0.86/23
[15...f6!± 0.41/23]
16.axb4± Bxb4 17.h5 Bc5

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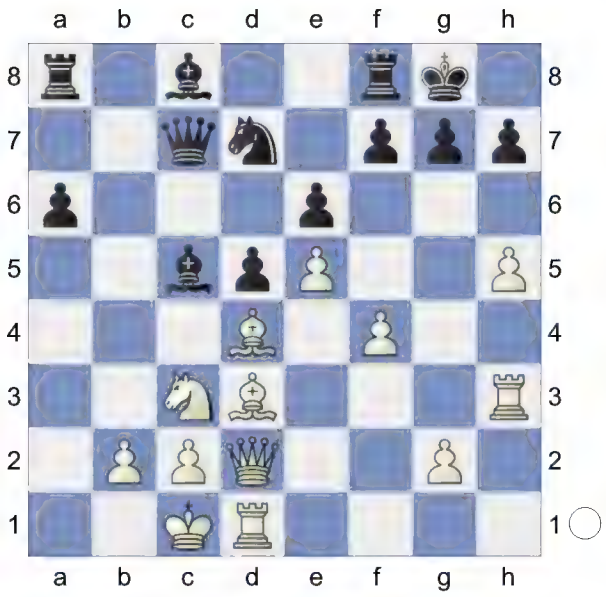
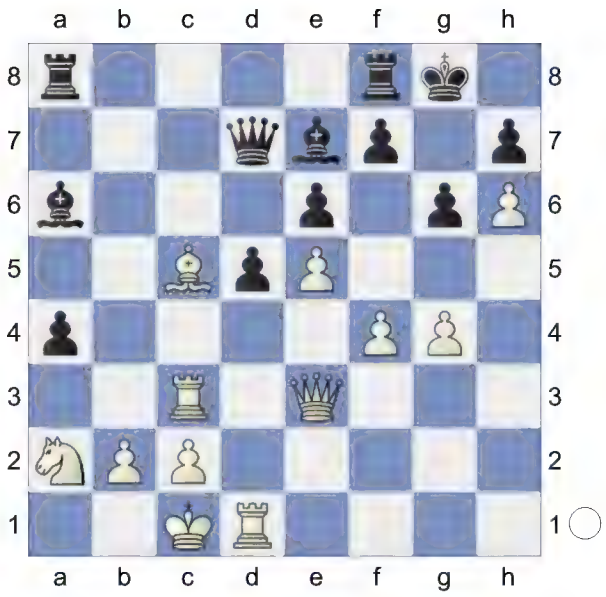
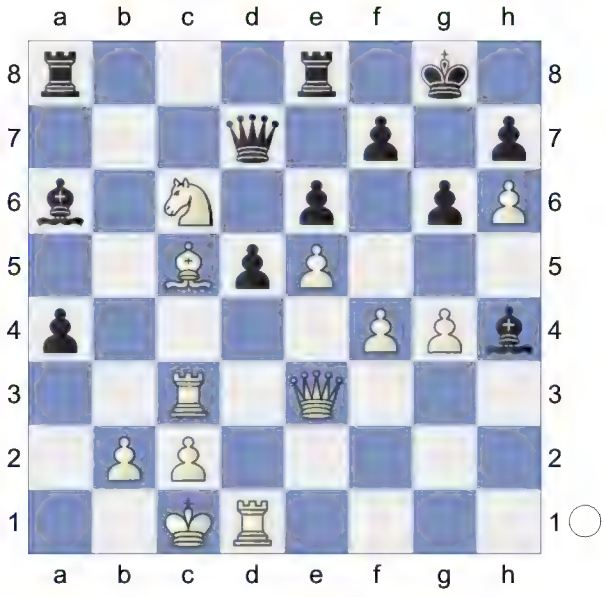


18.h6! g6!
[18...Bxd4 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.hxg7+ Kg8 21.f5 *(21.gxf8R+ Kxf8 22.Qxd4 Qc5+-)* 21...f6 22.fxe6 *(22.gxf8B Nxf8 23.Qxd4 Qxe5+-)*]
19.Be2! Rb8 1.02/23
[19...Bb7± 0.50/22]
20.Na2 Be7 21.Rc3 Black is weak on the dark squares 21...Qd8 1.25/23
[21...Qb7!± 0.66/24 22.Rb3 Qa8]
22.g4 0.55/24
[22.Qe3± 1.25/23]
22...a5 1.21/23
[22...Nb6!± 0.55/24]
23.Qe3!↑ Keeping Black busy. 23...a4
24.Ba7! Ra8 25.Bb5 White has more active pieces. 25...Bb7 Prevents Bc6 26.Bxd7
[26.Bxa4? Qa5 27.Rd4 *(27.Bxd7? Rxa7 28.Rb3 Qxa2-+)* 27...Rxa7-+]
26...Qxd7 27.Bc5 Ba6 1.79/23
[27...Rfd8± 0.90/23]

(Diagram)



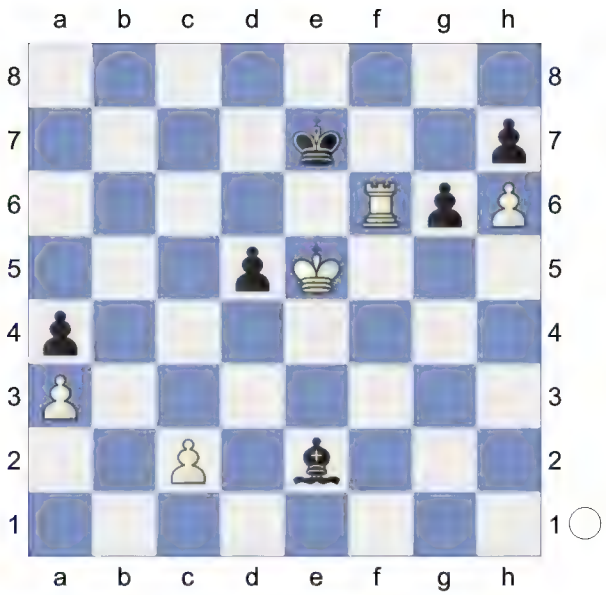
28.Nb4!+- Rfe8 2.11/24
[28...Bb5± 1.26/25]
29.Nc6 Deflection 29...Bh4 2.24/24
[29...Qxc6± 1.55/24 was necessary.
30.Bxe7 Discovered Attack Qb5]



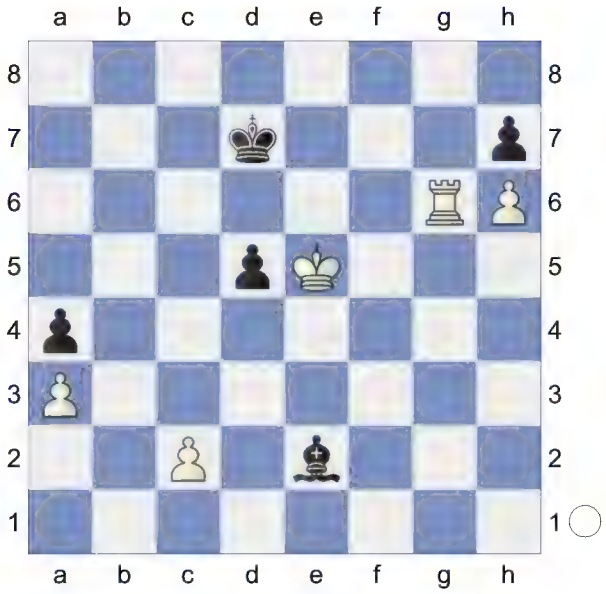
30.Ba3! Rac8 31.Nd4 Rxc3
32.Qxc3 Bc4 33.Kb1 Be7 3.06/23
[⌓33...Bf2 1.93/23 34.Qf3 Bxd4 35.Rxd4 Qa7]
34.f5 exf5? 4.46/27
[34...gxf5 35.gxf5 Kh8 36.Rg1+-]
[34...Rc8 2.31/23]

35.gxf5 Bxa3 36.e6 fxe6 37.fxe6
[37.Qxa3 exf5 *(37...gxf5 38.Rg1+ Kf7 39.Rg7+* Skewer, Double Attack *Kf6 40.Rxd7+-)* 38.Qc3 Re4∓]
37...Qe7 38.bxa3 Qg5 Dodges Nf5
39.Rh1 Qg2? 5.90/31
[39...Qf6 3.26/23 40.Qe3 Rb8+ 41.Kc1 Bb5]
40.Re1 Qg5 41.Qf3 Re7 Inhibits Qf7+.
42.Qe3
[42.Nc6 Rb7+ 43.Nb4 Re7±]
42...Qxe3 43.Rxe3 Endgame KRB-KRN
43...Kf8 44.Kc1 Ke8 45.Kd2 Ba6
46.Rc3 Inhibits Bc8. 46...Bc4 47.Ke3 Rb7 48.Kf4
[Weaker is 48.Nc6 Rb1±]
48...Rb1 49.Ke5 Re1+ 50.Kd6 aiming for Rf3. 50...Rb1 51.Rf3 Rb6+ 52.Kc5 Rb7 53.Kd6? -0.01/23
[53.Rf4+- 10.09/28 Re7 54.Rf6]
53...Ba6? 10.25/29
[53...Rb6+= -0.01/23 54.Kc7 Rb2]
54.Rc3 Bc4 55.Rf3? -0.01/57
[Better is 55.Ke5+- 9.77/25 Ra7 56.Rf3]
55...Ra7? 16.36/30
[55...Ba6= -0.01/57 56.Kxd5 Rc7]
56.Nc6 Rb7 57.e7 Rd7+ 58.Ke5 Rxe7+ 59.Nxe7 Kxe7 KR-KB 60.Rf6 Rb6 would kill now. 60...Be2

(Diagram)



61.Rxg6! Promotion. White mates.
61...Kd7
[61...Kf7 62.Rg7+]



62.Kxd5! Bf3+ 63.Ke5 Bh5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.76
64.Rg7+ 1-0 (64) LCZero v0.25.1-sv-t60-3010 (3809)-Ethereal (3708) tcec-chess.com INT 2020
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18 **11.Bb5** Nxd4 12.Bxd4 a6

13.Bxd7+ Bxd7 14.Rb3 Qe7 15.Rxb7 Qd8 16.0-0 Qc8 17.Rfb1 Bc5 18.f5 Bb5 19.Nxb5 axb5 20.R7xb5 Bxd4+ 21.Qxd4 0-0 22.R1b2 h6 23.a4 Qc7 24.h3 exf5 25.Rxd5 Kh7 26.Qf4 Qc3 27.Ra2 Qe1+ 28.Qf1 Qe4 29.Qd3 Rxa4 30.Rxa4 Qxa4 31.Qxf5+ g6 32.Qf2 Kg8 33.Rc5 Qe4 34.c3 ½-½ (34) LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6 (3631)-Stockfish Dev F7 (3662) tcec-chess.com INT 2024

19 **9...cxd4** 10.b4 Qc7
[10...Qd8 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 b6 13.Bd3 Nb8 14.0-0 Be7 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh6 Bf8 17.Qh3 Bg7 18.Nb2 0-0 19.b5 Nd7 20.Qe3 Nc5 21.Bc2 f5 22.exf6 Bxf6 23.Nd3 Nxd3 24.Bxd3 Bd7 25.Be2 Rc8 26.a4 Qc7 27.Rad1 Qd6 28.Bxf6 Rxf6 29.Rd4 Be8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Rf3 Bf7 32.h5 Rfe8 33.hxg6 hxg6 34.Qd2 Kg7 35.Rh3 Qd8 36.Bg4 Rh8 37.Re3 Qh4 38.Bh3 Qf6 39.Re5 Rh4 40.Qe3 Rch8 41.Qf2 Re8 42.Kh2 Rf8 43.Rg5 Rfh8 44.Kg1 R4h5 45.Qe3 R5h6 46.Kh2 Rc8 47.Re5 Rh4 48.Qf3 Rch8 49.Qg3 Rd8 50.Rg5 Rh6 51.Kg1 Rdh8 52.Rb4 Re8 53.Re5 Rh4 54.Rd4 Reh8 55.Re3 Rc8 56.Qf2 Rc7 57.Rf3 Rh8 58.g4 e5 59.fxe5 Qxe5 60.Rdd3 Re8 61.Rde3 Qd6 62.Rxe8 Bxe8 63.Qd4+ Kg8 64.Re3 Bf7 65.Bf1 Re7 66.Rh3 Qe5 67.Bd3 Qe1+ 68.Kg2 Qe5 69.Kf3 g5 70.Rh6 Re8 71.Qxe5 Rxe5 72.Rd6 Re7 73.Bg6 Rc7 74.Rc6 Re7 75.Rc8+ ½-½ (75) Seer (3542)-Berserk (3589) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]
11.Nxd4 Be7 12.Bd3 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Nb8 14.Rc1 Nc6 15.Bf2 b6 16.0-0 0-0 17.a3 Bb7
[17...g6 18.h4 Bb7 19.h5 Rae8 20.c4 dxc4 21.Bxc4 Qb8 22.Qg4 Kh8 23.hxg6 Rg8 24.Bd3 f5 25.exf6 Bxf6 26.Rfe1 Nd4 27.Nc3 Re7 28.f5 Qd6 29.Red1 Qe5 30.fxe6 Nxe6 31.Re1 Qg5 32.Qxg5 Bxg5 33.gxh7 Rf8 34.Rc2 Rd7 35.Bb5 Rd6 36.Ne4 Bxe4 37.Rxe4 Kxh7 38.Ba4 Rf4 39.Re1 Rf8 40.Rc4 Rd2 41.Bxb6 axb6 42.Rxe6 Rf6 43.Re5 Kh6 44.Bc2 Rf7 45.a4 Bd8 46.Re8 Rg7 47.Rc6+ Kh5 48.Rh8+ Kg5 49.a5 bxa5 50.bxa5 Bf6 51.a6 Bd4+ 52.Kh2 Re2 53.Bd1 Re1 54.Rh5+ Kf4 55.Rh4+ Ke5 56.Bf3 Bg1+ 57.Kh3 Ra1 58.g3 Rd7 59.Re4+ Kf5 60.g4+ Kg5 61.Kg3 Ra5 62.Ree6 Bh2+ 63.Kxh2 Kf4 64.Rcd6 Ra2+ 65.Be2 Rh7+ 66.Kg2 Ra3 67.Rd4+ Kg5 68.Bd3 Rf7 69.Kg3 Rf3+ 70.Kxf3 Kh4 71.Re5 Ra2 72.Rh5# 1-0 (72) Berserk (3589)-Seer (3542) tcec-chess.com INT 2024]
18.c4 dxc4 19.Rxc4 b5 20.Rc3 bxa4 21.b5 Qa5 22.Bxh7+ Kxh7 23.Rh3+ Kg8 24.f5 Bg5 25.Qh5 Bh6 26.f6 Nd4 27.fxg7 Nf5 28.g4 Rfe8 29.gxf5 Qd2 30.Qxh6 Qxh6 31.Rxh6 Kxg7 32.Rh4 exf5 33.Bd4 Be4 34.e6+ f6 35.Kf2 Rac8 36.Rg1+ Kf8 37.Bc5+ Rxc5 38.Rh8+ Ke7 39.Rg7+ Kxe6 40.Rxe8+ Kd6 41.Rxa7 Rxb5 42.Rxa4 Rb2+ 43.Kg3 Kc5 44.Rc8+ Kd6 45.Rd8+ Ke7 46.Rh8 Kf7 47.Ra7+ Ke6 48.Re8+ Kd6 49.Rd8+ Ke6 50.Re8+ Kd6 51.Rd8+ Ke6 52.Ra6+ Ke5 53.Ra5+ Ke6 54.Rh8 Kf7 55.Ra7+ Ke6 56.Ra5 Kf7 57.Rh7+ Ke6 58.Kf4 Rf2+ 59.Ke3 Rf3+ 60.Ke2 Rb3 61.Rh8 Kd6 62.a4 f4 63.Ra6+ Ke7 64.Ra7+ Kd6 65.Rd8+ Kc6 66.Ra6+ Kc7

67.Rd2 f5 68.Rad6 Rh3 69.Kf1 Ra3 70.Kg1 Kb7 71.R6d4 Ka6 72.Rd1 Rb3 73.R4d2 Rb7 74.a5 f3 75.Ra2 Ka7 76.Kf1 Rc7 77.a6 Ka8 78.a7 Rc8 79.Rb2 Rc7 80.Ra1 Bd3+ 81.Kf2 Rc8 82.h4 Bc4 83.h5 f4 84.h6 Bd3 85.Kxf3 Rd8 86.Rb8+ Rxb8 87.axb8N+ Kb7 88.Nd7 Bh7 89.Kxf4 1-0 (89) Stockfish Dev Da50 (3607)-Ethereal (3532) tcec-chess.com INT 2023

20 **11.b4** Qa6
[11...Nxb4 12.cxb4 Bxb4 13.Qc2 Bxd2+ 14.Nxd2 0-0 *(14...b5 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ne2 Rb8 17.g3 Qa3 18.Bh3 g6 19.0-0 Nb6 20.Nf3 Bd7 21.f5 gxf5 22.Qd2 h6 23.Qf4 Qd3 24.Rae1 Qe4 25.Qd2 c3 26.Qc1 Qd3 27.Rf2 Kd8 28.Bf1 Qc4 29.Qf4 Qc6 30.Qh4+ Kc7 31.Qe7 a5 32.Qxf7 Nc4 33.Nf4 Rbf8 34.Qg6 Rfg8 35.Qf6 Rf8 36.Qh4 Rh7 37.h3 Re8 38.Nd3 Rg8 39.Kh2 Kb8 40.Nc5 Bc8 41.Bd3 Rhg7 42.Rg1 Qc7 43.Qxh6 Rh7 44.Qc1 Qg7 45.Qf4 Na3 46.Nb3 Nc4 47.a3 Nxa3 48.Nxa5 Kc7 49.Nb3 Rhh8 50.Nh4 Kc6 51.Ra1 Rh7 52.Rxa3 bxa3 53.Rc2 Kb6 54.Rxc3 a2 55.Qf2 Qg5 56.Bf1 Rc7 57.Rf3 Kc6 58.Qxa2 Kd7 59.Ng2 Ke8 60.Nc5 Qc1 61.Qb3 Re7 62.Qb6 Qg5 63.Nf4 Kf7 64.g4 Ree8 65.Bb5 Re7 66.Ba6 Ree8 67.Bxc8 Rxc8 68.Ncxe6 Rc2+ 69.Kg3 Qe7 70.Nd8+ Ke8 71.Nc6 Rxc6 72.Qxc6+ Qd7 73.Qa8+ Kf7 74.e6+ Qxe6 75.Qxg8+ Kxg8 76.Nxe6 Kf7 77.gxf5 Ke8 78.f6 Kf7 79.Ng5+ Ke8 80.f7+ Kd7 81.f8Q Kc6 82.Qc5+ Kd7 83.Rf7+ Ke8 84.Qf8#* 1-0 (84) Komododragon (3600)-Stockfish Dev15 (3617) tcec-chess.com INT 2022*)* 15.Nc3 b5 16.g3 b4 17.Ne2 Nb6 *(17...Qb6 18.Bg2 Ba6 19.Nf3 c3 20.0-0 Rac8 21.Rfe1 g6 22.Nc1 Bc4 23.h4 h5 24.Bh3 Kg7 25.g4 hxg4 26.Bxg4 Rh8 27.h5 Rh6 28.Kf2 Rg8 29.Rg1 Kf8 30.Ne2 f5 31.Bh3 Bxe2 32.Qxe2 Rxh5 33.Bf1 a5 34.Qd3 Kf7 35.a3 Rb8 36.axb4 axb4 37.Be2 Nf8 38.Ng5+ Rxg5 39.fxg5 c2 40.Qxc2 Qxd4+ 41.Kf3 Kg8 42.Qd3 Qc5 43.Kg2 b3 44.Rgb1 d4 45.Rb2 Qxe5 46.Ra4 Qf4 47.Qxd4 Qxg5+ 48.Kf2 Rb7 49.Qe5 Qh6 50.Bf3 Rf7 51.Rxb3 g5 52.Rb8 g4 53.Be2 Kh7 54.Raa8 Qh4+ 55.Qg3 Qf6 56.Re8 Qd4+ 57.Kf1 Kg7 58.Rad8 Qa1+ 59.Qe1 Qe5 60.Qd2 Qa1+ 61.Kg2 Qf6 62.Qd6 Qb2 63.Kf1 Qa1+ 64.Bd1 Qf6 65.Kg2 Ng6 66.Kg1 Qe5 67.Qxe5+ Nxe5 68.Rxe6 Nd7 69.Bb3 Nf8 70.Ree8 Rf6 71.Kf2 f4 72.Bc4 Ng6 73.Re6 g3+ 74.Kf3 Nh4+ 75.Kg4 Rxe6 76.Bxe6 Ng6 77.Bf5 g2 78.Rd1 Kg8 79.Bxg6* 1-0 (79) Komododragon (3568)-Ethereal Nnue (3515) tcec-chess.com INT 2022 *)* 18.Bh3 Qa4 19.Qc1 Qb5 20.Rb1 Bd7 21.0-0 Rac8 22.Rf2 c3 23.Nb3 Nc4 24.g4 Nb2 25.Rxb2 cxb2 26.Qxb2 Qd3 27.Bf1 Rc2 28.Ng3 Rxb2 29.Bxd3 Rxf2 30.Kxf2 Rb8 31.Ne2 Ba4 32.Nec1 a5 33.Nc5 Bd1 34.h3 h5 35.g5 h4 36.g6 a4 37.Ke1 Bf3 38.Nxa4 Bg2 39.Bf1 Be4 40.gxf7+ Kxf7 41.Nc5 Bf5 42.N1d3 Rb5 43.Kf2 Ra5 44.Nxb4 Ra3 45.Ncd3 Ra4 46.Ke3 Ke7 47.Nc2 Rxa2 48.Nce1 Ra1 49.Be2 Bxh3 50.Nf3 Ra5 51.Nc5 Bf5 52.Nxh4 g6 53.Bd3 Ra3 54.Nf3 Kf8 55.Ng5 Ke7 56.Kd2 Bxd3 57.Nxd3 Ra4 58.Nf3 Ra3 59.Ke2

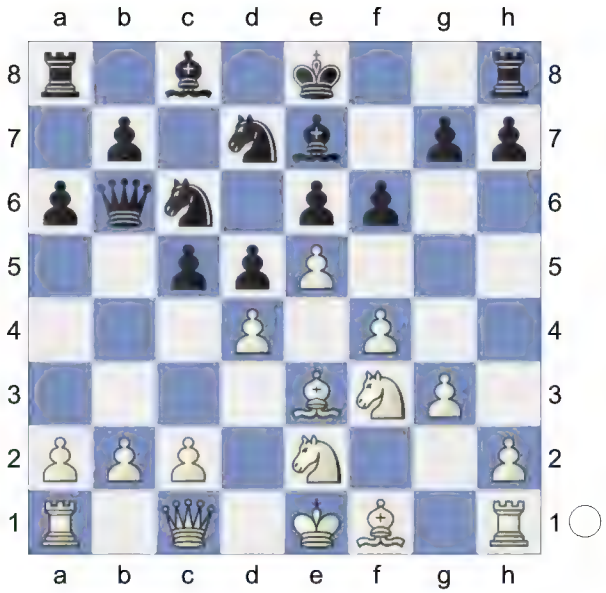
Ra2+ 60.Ke3 Ra1 61.Nc5 Ra3+ 62.Kf2 Ke8 63.Ng5 Ra2+ 64.Kf3 Kd8 65.Ngxe6+ Kc8 66.f5 Ra3+ 67.Kf4 g5+ 68.Nxg5 Ra1 69.f6 Kd8 70.Nce6+ Kd7 71.f7 Rf1+ 72.Nf3 Kxe6 73.f8Q Kd7 74.Qd6+ Ke8 75.Qc7 Kf8 76.e6 Kg8 77.Kf5 Rxf3+ 78.Kg6 Rg3+ 79.Qxg3 1-0 (79) Stockfish Dev15 (3617)-Komododragon (3600) tcec-chess.com INT 2022]

12.Be2 Be7 13.a3 f5 14.h4 b5 15.Nc5 Nxc5 16.dxc5 Qb7 17.h5 Bd7 18.Be3 a5 19.Kf2 Kd8 20.g4 fxg4 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.Qxd4 Bc6 23.Bxg4 Qd7 24.Ke2 Kc7 25.f5 exf5 26.Qf4 Qe8 27.Bf3 axb4 28.axb4 Rxa1 29.Rxa1 Kb7 30.e6 Qb8 31.Qxb8+ Rxb8 32.Bd4 Rg8 33.Re1 g5 34.hxg6 hxg6 35.Kd2 Bh4 36.Rg1 g5 37.Bf6 d4 38.Bxc6+ Kxc6 39.cxd4 f4 40.e7 f3 41.Ra1 f2 42.Ke2 ½-½ (42) LCZero 0.31-dag-5107404-T2-52 (3633)-Ethereal (3535) tcec-chess.com INT 2023

[21] **8.Qd2** b5 9.dxc5 is seen in two other games this month.
8.Ne2 Qb6 9.Qc1 Be7 10.g3 0.14/23
[10.h4± 0.56/21]

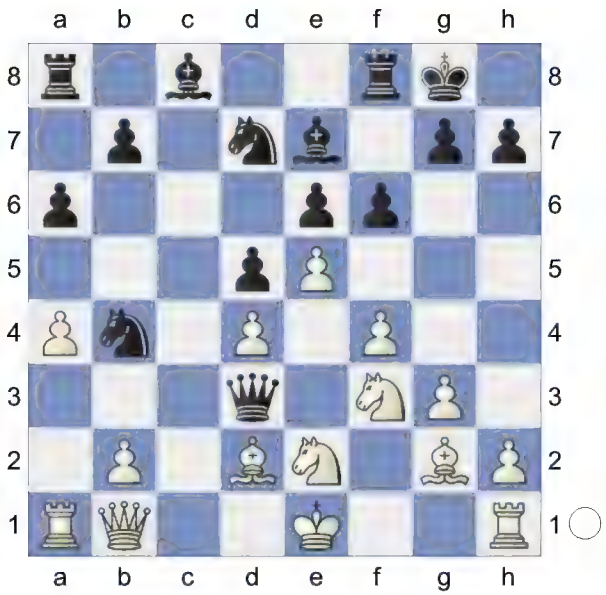
10...f6

(Diagram)



11.c3 cxd4 12.cxd4 0-0 13.Bg2! Qb4+N
[13...Qa5+ 14.Nc3 Nb6 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.b3 Bd7 17.0-0 Rac8 18.Qd2 Be7 19.Ne2 Qxd2 20.Bxd2 Rc7 21.Rac1 Rfc8 22.f5 Ba3 23.Rce1 Bb4 24.Bxb4 Nxb4 25.fxe6 Bxe6 26.Nf4 Bf5 27.Ne5 g6 28.g4 1-0 (36) Caruana,F (2773)-Amin,B (2608) chess.com (Internet-rapid) 2020 Be4 29.Bxe4 dxe4 30.a3 N4d5 31.Rxe4 Rc3 32.Nd7 Rxb3 33.Nxd5 Nxd5 34.Re5 Nc3 35.Nf6+ Kf7 36.Nd7+ 1-0 Deslandes,P (2764)-Molina,R (2853) WCC 2004 (1)]
14.Bd2 Qb5 15.a4 Qd3 16.Qb1 Nb4

(Diagram)



17.Kf2 Nb8 18.Ra3 Qxb1 19.Rxb1 N8c6 20.Rc1 Bd7 21.Bh3 a5 22.Kg2 Kf7 23.Re3 f5 24.Kf2 h6 25.g4 g6 26.gxf5 gxf5 27.Bf1 Na2 28.Ra1 Nab4 29.Rc3 Prevents Nc2 29...Na7 30.Ne1 Rfc8 31.Ke3 Rxc3+ 32.Nxc3 Rc8 33.Be2 b6 34.Bd1 Kf8 35.Rb1 Be8 36.Be2 Bh4 37.Bd1 Rc4 38.Nf3 Be7 39.Be1 Rc7 40.Rc1 Bh5 41.Be2 Bd8 42.Bf1 Be8 43.Kd2 Bh5 44.Be2 Kf7 45.Bf2 Kf8 46.Rg1 Rg7 47.Rc1

[47.Rxg7 simplifies Kxg7 48.Bh4 Bxh4 49.Nxh4 Bxe2 50.Nxe2 Na2 51.Kc2]

47...Rc7 48.Ke3 Kg8 49.Rg1+ Rg7 50.Rc1 Rc7 51.Rg1+ Rg7 52.Rf1 Rb7 53.Bg3 Kf8 54.Bf2 Rc7 55.Kd2 Rg7 56.Ke3 Rc7 57.Rg1 Rg7 58.Rc1 Rc7 59.Bf1 Be8 60.Kd2 Bh5 61.Be2 Kg8 62.Rg1+ Rg7 63.Rc1 Rc7 64.Bg3 Kf8 65.Rg1 Rg7 66.Rc1 Rc7 67.Ke3 Be8 68.Rb1 Bh5 69.Bf2 Rg7 70.Rc1 Rc7 71.Bf1 Rc8 72.Ne1 Be7 73.Kd2 Rc7 74.Ra1 Nbc6 75.Nc2 Nb4 76.Ne1 Nbc6 77.Nc2 Rb7 78.Ke3 Rc7 79.Bd3 Be8 80.Be2 Rc8 81.Kd2 Rc7 82.h4 Bd8 83.h5 Rg7 84.Bf3 Be7 85.Rc1 Bb4 86.Kd3 Bxc3 87.bxc3 Na3 is in the air 87...b5! 88.Rb1 bxa4 89.Na3 Bd7 90.Bd1 Bc8 91.Bxa4 Rb7 92.Ra1 Bd7 93.Bd1 Nc8

[93...Rb2 looks sharper. 94.Nc2 Nb5 95.Bh4 Rb3]

94.Be3 Be8! 95.Bc1 Nb6 96.Rb1 Rb8 97.Kc2 Na7 98.Kd3 Nc6 99.Kc2 Na7! 100.Be2 Ba4+ 101.Kd2 Nc4+! The position is equal. 102.Bxc4 Rxb1 103.Nxb1 dxc4 104.Ba3+ Ke8 105.Bc5 Nb5 106.Bb6 Bb3 and ...Ba2 would now be decisive

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

107.Bxa5 ½-½ (107) Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22 (3683)-LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6 (3652) tcec-chess.com INT 2025 The Week in Chess 1577 [Kitty Kat]

[22] **8...cxd4=** 0.14/21 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Qc7

[23] **9.dxc5** is the main move here.

9.Bd3 Rb8 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 b4 13.f5 Bc5 14.Ne2 Qg5 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.axb4 Rxb4 17.c3 Rxb2 18.Bxa6 Ke7 19.Bxc5+ Nxc5 20.Bxc8 Rxc8 21.Ra7+ Rb7 22.Rxb7+ Nxb7 23.Qd4 Nc5 ½-½ (33) Bok,B (2596)-Aronian,L (2729) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (9)

[24] **9...b4** 1.47/20 9...Be7 0.37 10.axb4 Nxb4 11.c3 0.77/18

[11.dxc5! Bxc5 12.Ned4!±]

[11.dxc5 1.46/21 Bxc5 12.Ned4]

11...Nc6± 12.g3!? -0.01/19

[12.dxc5± 0.88/17 Bxc5 13.Ned4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4]

12...Rb8= 13.Rb1 -0.01/18

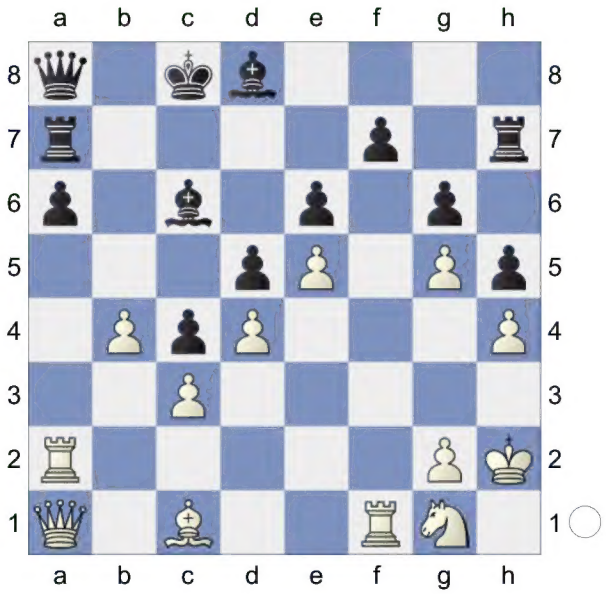
[13.dxc5 -0.01/20 13.f5 0.37 Bxc5 14.Ned4 Rxb2 15.Bd3!?]

[13.f5± 0.40/18 might be stronger.]
13...Be7= 14.Bg2 a5 15.0-0 0-0 16.g4 -0.69/18 Slow.
[16.f5!? exf5 17.Nf4∞]
[16.Re1= 0.23/20]
16...Ba6!∓ 17.Rf2 Qb6 18.Qd2 -1.35/21
[18.Kh1∓ -0.65/16]
18...a4∓ 19.f5 -2.44/18
[19.Ra1∓ -1.16/17]
19...a3!-+ 20.f6? -4.90/17
[20.Nf4 -1.85/15 is a better chance. Bc4 21.Qc1]
20...Bxf6? 1.06/16
[20...gxf6 and White has no attack]
[20...gxf6!-+ -4.90/17 21.exf6 *(21.Ng3 fxe5)* 21...Nxf6 22.dxc5 Qb7]
21.exf6± Nxf6 22.b3?! -3.41/20
[22.dxc5]
[22.dxc5± 0.94/19 is forced if you want to stay better. Qxb2 23.Rxb2 Rxb2 24.Ned4 Rxd2 25.Rxd2]
22...Ne4-+ 23.Qc2 a2? -0.62/23
[23...Bd3!-+ -2.62/19 24.Qxd3 c4]
24.Ra1 -1.22/21
[24.Qxa2∓ -0.62/23 Bxe2 25.dxc5]
24...Nxf2∓ 25.Kxf2 Qxb3∓ -0.89/22 , although eventually drawn, Kryvoruchko,Y (2698) -Svane,R (2600) Germany 2019
[⌓25...Bxe2 -1.35/22 26.Qxe2 Qxb3 27.Rxa2 cxd4 28.cxd4 Nb4]
9...Qb6 10.c3 (the plan in our game) 10...c4!? 1.34/18
[⌓10...f6 0.72/18]
11.g4!± h5 12.gxh5 Rxh5 13.Ng3 Rh8 14.h4 Be7 1.68/18
[14...f5± 1.31/17 15.Ng5 Ne7]
15.Ng5 1.21/19
[15.h5±]
[15.Kf2+- 1.68/18]
15...Bb7?! 2.16/20
[15...Bxg5± 1.21/19 16.hxg5 Rxh1 17.Nxh1 g6]
16.Qf3? 0.61/16
[16.Qe2±]
[16.Kf2+- 2.16/20]
16...Bxg5!± 17.hxg5
[17.fxg5 0.22/19 17.hxg5 0.87 Ncxe5! 18.dxe5? -1.96/19 *(18.Qg2± 0.35/18 keeps the upper hand.)* 18...d4!∓]
17...0-0-0 18.Be2± Gurevich,D (2460)-Vykouk,J (2430) Ceske Budejovice 2017

[25] **10.dxc5** was seen in the same match but with reversed colors:
10...Nxc5
[10...Bxc5 11.Ned4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qc7 13.Qd2 Be7 14.Bd3 Nc5 15.0-0 0-0 16.Qc3 Qd7 17.Nf5 exf5 18.Bxc5 Bxc5+ 19.Qxc5 d4 20.Rfd1 Qa7 21.Qxa7 Rxa7 22.a4 b4 23.a5 g5 24.fxg5 Re8 25.Re1 1-0 (32) Wegener,O (2384)-Simunic,K (2073) Hvar Arsenal op 3rd 2024 (7)]
11.Ned4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 0-0 13.c3 Bd7 14.b4 My engine prefers
[14.Bd3 and]
[14.Be2 , but if Black then plays ...a5 and White plays b4, it might come to something similar.]
14...Ne4 15.Bd3 Rc8 16.Qc2 a5 Hoping for ...axb4.
[16...f6!?]
17.Bxe4!?
[Black gets great compensation, so maybe simply 17.Qb2 was better]
17...dxe4 18.Qxe4 Bc6 19.Qe3 axb4 20.axb4 Ra8 21.Rxa8 Qxa8= with the bishop pair and light square pressure for the pawn. KomodoMCTS 2503.05 (3809)-Ethereal 12.01 (3810) tcec-chess.com INT 2020 22.0-0 Qa2 23.h3

Ra8 24.Qd3 Qd5 25.Rf2 g6 26.Kh2 Ra3 27.Qb1 h5 28.Kg3 Qc4 29.Qb2 Ra4 30.Qe2 Qb3 31.Qf1 Qd5 32.Rb2 Ra3 33.Qe2 Kg7 34.Qd3 Kh7 35.Qe3 Ra2 ½-½ (35) Komodomcts (3809)-Ethereal (3810) tcec-chess.com INT 2020

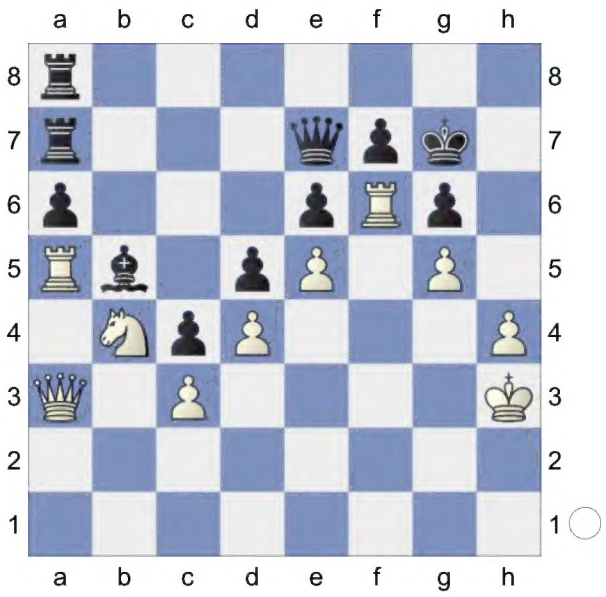
[26] **10...0-0** followed by ...a5 or ...f5 is more to the point.
10...0-0= 0.27/21
11.Ng3 g6 1.74/19 Stopping Nh5 and discouraging f5.
[11...Nc4 is fairly useless after 12.Bc1!]
[11...cxd4± 0.56/20 12.Bxd4 Nc6]
12.b4+- cxb4 13.axb4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4
[14...dxc4? 2.57/22 14...bxc4 1.24 15.d5! is killing.]
15.h4 h5 1.81/23
[15...Nb6± 1.42/20 16.h5 Kd7]
16.Ra5 1.42/22 Stopping ...a5. My much weaker engine suggests
[16.f5! , which is genuinely strong. There might follow
A) 16...exf5 17.Ne2 aiming for Bg5. 0-0 2.40/21 *(17...Nf8± 1.27/21)* 18.Bg5+- Re8 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.0-0 Bb7 21.Nf4;
B) 16...exf5± 1.37/23 17.Ne2 Nf8;
C) 16...gxf5 2.18/21 17.Bg5 , getting rid off White's only bad piece for Black's only good one.]
[16.f5+- 1.81/23]
16...Nf8 17.Ng5
[Again, 17.f5!? 1.18/22 17.Ng5 1.73]
17...Rb8 1.75/21
[17...Bb7± 1.39/22]
18.0-0 Rb6
[18...Rb5!?]
19.Qf3
[19.f5?! exf5 20.Qd2 Ne6±]
19...Bb7 20.Ne2 Nh7 21.Qg3 Nxg5 22.fxg5 Bc6 1.79/24 How will a computer engine go about breaking the blockade? Black is weak on the dark squares
[22...Rb5± 1.41/23]
23.Kh2 1.26/21
[23.Rf3+- 1.79/24]
23...Rh7± 24.Ra2 1.40/23
[24.Qe1+- 1.84/23]
24...Kd7 25.Bf4 Qa8 26.Qe1 Rb7 1.75/21
[26...Qg8± 1.29/22 27.Be3 Bb5]
27.Qa1+- Ra7 28.Ng1 Bd8 1.81/20
[28...Bb5± 1.33/19 29.Be3 Bd8]
29.Bc1 1.43/22
[29.Nh3!+- 1.81/20]
29...Kc8
[29...Bb5 would stop b5 then 30.g4 0.72/21 *(⌓30.Nh3! 1.19/20)* 30...hxg4± 31.Kg3 might follow, with an eventual h5 break.]



30.b5! Bxb5 31.Ba3! An ideal pawn sac: Now the bishop is powerful, and Black has to be careful about simplifications due to his horrid h7 rook and bad light-

squared bishop. 31...Bb6
[For example, 31...Be7? 7.46/24 31...Bb6 1.45 32.Bxe7 Rxe7 33.Ra5 Qb7 34.Qa3 Kb8 35.Rb1]
32.Bc5! Qc6 33.Bxb6 Qxb6 34.Nf3 1.51/21
[34.Kh3+- 1.91/20]
34...Rh8± 35.Ra5 White has strong compensation. 35...Kb7 36.Rb1 1.11/24
[36.Ne1+- 1.72/25]
36...Rha8 1.48/23
[⌓36...Rb8 1.11/24]
37.Qa3 Kc8 38.Ne1 1.10/21
[⌓38.Kh3 1.46/22]
38...Qc7 39.Nc2 Rb8 40.Nb4
[40.Qf8+ Kb7 41.Qa3 Ka8±]
40...Rba8 1.62/22
[40...Rb6± 1.12/23]
41.Kg3 Qe7 42.Kh2? -0.01/21
[42.Qa2+- 1.67/23]
42...Kd8 1.49/25
[Black should play 42...Qc7!= -0.01/21]
43.Rf1 Kd7 44.g3 Kd8 45.Rf2 Ke8 46.Rf6 Kd8 47.Qa1 Kc8 48.g4 Finally! 48...hxg4 49.Kg3 Qd7 50.Kxg4 White has more active pieces.
50...Rb8 51.Qa3
[51.Nxa6 Rba8 52.Qf1 Bxa6=]
51...Rb6 52.Nc2 Qd8 53.Qc5+ Kb8 54.Qa3? -0.01/21
[54.Rf2+- 1.65/21]
54...Be8 1.44/23
[54...Kc8!= -0.01/21]
55.Nb4 Kb7 56.Kf3 1.07/24
[56.h5+- 1.64/21 gxh5+ 57.Kxh5]
56...Qc8 57.Kg3 White is making no progress. Eventually h5 will have to be played. 57...Ra8 58.Rf1 Qc7 59.Rb1 Bb5 60.Qb2 Be8 61.Rba1 Qd8 62.Qc1
[62.Rxa6? Raxa6 63.Rxa6 Rxa6-+]
62...Qe7 63.Qc2 Bb5 64.Qb2 Ra7 65.Qb1 Kc8 66.Qa2 Ra8 67.Qa3 Rb7 1.71/22
[67...Kb7± 1.01/22]
68.Qc1 1.03/19
[68.Nxa6 Qxa3 69.R1xa3 *(69.R5xa3? Rba7-+)* 69...Bxa6 70.Rxa6 Rxa6 71.Rxa6 Rb3∓]
[68.Rf1+- 1.71/22]
68...Rba7 1.91/20
[68...Rb6± 1.03/19]
69.Qa3? -0.01/20
[Better is 69.Kg4+- 1.91/20]
69...Qd7? 1.83/21
[69...Rb7!= -0.01/20]
70.Rb1 Qe7 71.Ra1? -0.01/41
[71.Rf1+- 1.97/22]
71...Kb7? 1.80/22
[71...Qd7= -0.01/41]
72.Kg2 Qd8 73.Kh3 Qd7 74.Rf1 Qe7 75.Rf2 Kc8 76.Kg4 Qe8 77.Rf3 1.43/20
[77.Rf6+- 1.81/21]
77...Kd7 78.Nc2 Qe7 79.Nb4? -0.01/19
[79.Qa2+- 1.69/21]
79...Ke8? 1.78/21
[79...Qe8!= -0.01/19 and Black is okay.]
80.Kh3 Kf8 2.95/21
[⌓80...Kd8 1.75/21 81.Rf6 Qe8]
81.Rf6+- Kg7

(Diagram)



I'm not sure if it helped Black at all to bring the king over, but maybe this is some sort of ideal defensive setup. 82.h5! gxh5!? This feels wrong. One could try to make White prove it by playing something like

[82...Rg8]

83.Qc1 Rh8 84.Qb1 Qe8? 4.22/19

[84...Be8 2.33/19 85.Nxa6 h4]

85.Ra2 Rh7 86.Rg2 Kh8 87.Nc2

[87.g6 fxg6 88.Rgxg6 Rag7=]

87...Qe7? 5.11/21

[87...a5 2.68/17 is a better defense. 88.Kh2 Bc6]

88.Ne3 Rb7 89.Qc2

[89.Rh6!]

89...Bc6 5.06/22

[89...Qa3? 7.86/22 89...Rd7 3.36]

[⌓89...Rd7 3.57/19 90.g6 fxg6]

90.g6 fxg6 91.Qxg6 Rb8 Repels Qg8+

92.Nf5!!

[92.Rxe6? Bd7 93.Qf6+ Qxf6 94.exf6 h4-+ *(94...Bxe6+? 95.Kh2-+)*]

92...exf5 93.Qxf5 Now the idea of e6 and Qe5 can hardly be countered.

[93.Rxc6 f4 94.Rxa6 *(94.Rf6 f3+-)* 94...Qf7 95.Qxf7 Rxf7±]

93...Bd7 94.e6! Discovered Attack

94...Re8 95.Rgg6!

[95.exd7 Qxd7 96.Qxd7 Rxd7=]

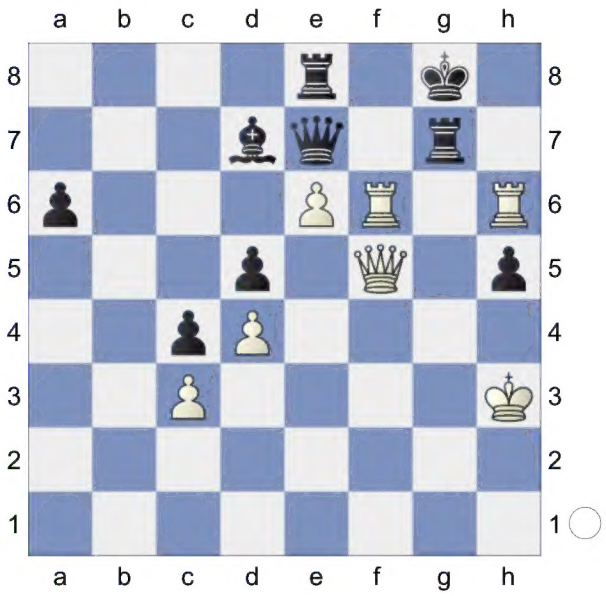
95...Rg7 96.Rh6+!

[96.exd7 Qxd7 97.Rg3 *(97.Rh6+ Kg8=)* 97...Qxf5+ 98.Rxf5 a5∓]

[96.Qxh5+ Rh7 97.Kg4 Qxe6+ 98.Rxe6 Rxe6 99.Qxd5 Rd6+ *(99...Rxg6+? 100.Kf4-+)* 100.Kg3 Rxd5-+]

96...Kg8

[96...Rh7 97.Rfg6 Inhibits Rg8. Rg8 98.Rxh7+ Qxh7 99.Qf6+? 0.00/5 *(99.Qe5+* #16/29 mates *Rg7 100.Rxg7 Qxg7 101.exd7 Qxe5 102.dxe5 Kg7 103.d8Q Kg6 104.Qf6+ Kh7 105.e6 a5 106.e7 a4 107.e8Q a3 108.Qfh8#)*]



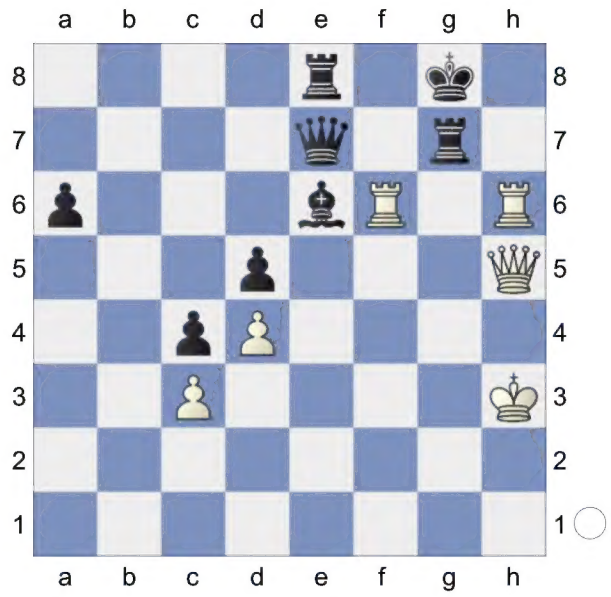
97.Qxh5!

[97.exd7 Qe3+ 98.Qf3 Rxd7=]

97...Qxe6+

[97...Bxe6+

(Diagram)



98.Kh2! Qd6+ 99.Kh1]
98.Rxe6 Bxe6+ 99.Kh2 Kf8 100.Rh8+ Bg8 101.Qf5+
[Worse is 101.Qxd5 Rh7+ 102.Kg1 Rxh8=]
101...Rf7 102.Qg4
[102.Qxd5 Rh7+ 103.Kg1 Rxh8=]
102...Rh7+ 103.Rxh7 Bxh7 Endgame KQ-KRB 104.Qf3+ Ke7 105.Qxd5 Bd3 106.Qb7+ Kf6 107.Qxa6+ Re6 108.Qc8 Ke7 109.Qc7+ Kf6 110.d5 Re2+ 111.Kg3 Re3+ 112.Kg2 Bf5 20.28/23
[⌓112...Be4+ 4.76/20 113.Kf2 Rd3]
113.Qb6+ Kg5 114.Qxe3+ Kh4 115.Qf4+ Bg4 116.Qf6+ Kh5 117.Kg3 Kf4 would kill now. 117...Be6 118.Kf4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
118...Bxd5 1-0 Ethereal-Komodomcts/TCEC 18 Premier 2020